

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell would move to amend the bill to exempt those who have practiced for at least ten years and who have reached the age of 65 years of age.

SENATOR NEWELL: (mike not activated)...members of the Legislature, I offer this amendment per a constituent's request. The individual is not happy with the bill but feels that it would be a better bill if, in fact, this provision was adopted and with that in mind, I think it is a reasonable sort of exemption to authorize those people who have practiced the trade for at least ten years and who are over 65 years of age to be exempted from the provisions of this bill. As it was discussed earlier, I guess on Select File, the provisions of the bill require education, require that the various funeral directors and embalmers take so many hours of continuing education. Some argued that it was an attempt to upgrade the profession and some argued that it was an attempt to encourage membership in the association. But in any case, I believe that it is reasonable. For those people who are not probably intending to continue to practice for a long time in the trade, to be exempted and with this provision, I will be able to support LB 225.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, did you wish to speak to the Newell amendment? Senator Chambers, did you wish to speak to the Newell amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I think it's a bad bill. I think it's as bad today as it was before only worse when we started and I think Senator Newell's amendment will take it to the last step which will make it the worst it can possibly be. If you do adopt his amendment, you will help his constituent; if you do adopt his amendment, you may help the bill move and if you do both of those things, then you help all of my purposes for this bill. Now if that seems to be a riddle, you don't pose a riddle and give the solution at the same time. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, did you wish to speak to the Newell amendment?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I really don't have any quarrel with Senator Newell's amendment. I think that if it helps him, so be it. Let's put it on. It is not my intention to create a hardship for anybody with this bill and so if he feels that it will create a hardship for those over 65 and I would be acceptable to this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh, did you wish to speak to the Newell amendment?